

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 58**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Hancock**

August 9, 2006

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 58—Relative to the heroism of Marlin Coats and the residency of Jacqueline Coats.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 58, as introduced, Hancock. Residency.

This resolution would commend the heroism of Marlin Coats and would urge the United States Government to grant permanent residence to Jacqueline Coats.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, It is the true mark of heroism when one is willing  
2 to risk and even sacrifice one's own life in order to save the life  
3 or lives of those facing imminent peril; and

4 WHEREAS, It was while attempting to save the lives of two  
5 brothers, 11 and 14 years old, at Ocean Beach in San Francisco,  
6 that Marlin Coats lost his own life; and

7 WHEREAS, Marlin Coats leaves behind a wife, Jacqueline  
8 Coats, who has been living in the United States for four years;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, It is unconscionable that the United States  
11 Government would consider deporting Jacqueline Coats because  
12 her marriage papers were not submitted to the immigration  
13 authorities prior to the tragic death of her husband; now,  
14 therefore, be it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
2     *California, jointly,* That the Legislature of the State of California  
3     request the California Congressional Delegation to urge the  
4     United States Department of Homeland Security to grant  
5     permanent residency to Jacqueline Coats in light of what her  
6     family has sacrificed; and be it further  
7     *Resolved,* That the citizens of California welcome you,  
8     Jacqueline Coats, as a permanent member of our local, state, and  
9     national community; and be it further  
10    *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit  
11    copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of  
12    the United States, to the Speaker of the House of  
13    Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to  
14    each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress  
15    of the United States.

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